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SUBJ: TORRIJOS-CARAZO MEETING

1. PRESIDENT RODRIGO CARAZO AND CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT GENERAL OMAR TORRIJOS MET 22 MAY AT TROPICAL AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENTAL STATION CATIE IN TURRIALBA. IT WAS CARAZO'S FIRST MEETING AS PRESIDENT WITH A FOREIGN CHIEF OF STATE. ALTHOUGH IT WAS ESSENTIALLY A GET ACQUAINTED MEETING, THE TWO LEADERS ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING IN A JOINT COMMUNIQUE:

- A. FORMATION OF A COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE JOINT ACTION WITH OTHER NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES IN DEFENSE OF TUNA, INCLUDING BETTER AND MORE RATIONAL UTILIZATION OF FISHING RESOURCES IN FISHING ZONES (SEPTTEL).
- B. STRENGTHENED EFFORTS FOR BORDER AREA INTEGRATION, INCLUDING COOPERATION TO HALT CONTRABAND BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. A COMMISSION WILL BE FORMED TO STUDY THE PROBLEM.
- C. NEED TO TAKE MEASURES TO PROMOTE JOINT ACTION TO ESTABLISH A BANANA DEVELOPMENT POLICY.

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- D. DESIRABILITY OF INVITING OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE AREA TO PARTICIPATE IN CATIE.
- E. SUPPORT FOR PERMANENT NEUTRALITY OF PANAMA CANAL AND REAFFIRMATION OF PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION.

2. THEY ALSO AGREED TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS TO FORMALIZE A MARINE, INCLUDING UNDERWATER, DEMARCATION TREATY IN THE ATLANTIC AND THE

PACIFIC. ADDITIONALLY, AN AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED TO PROVIDE FOR
TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN CATIE AND ITS PANAMA COUSIN IDIAP.

3. THE DECLARATION ENDS WITH CARAZO EXPRESSING COSTA RICA'S SATIS-
FACTION WITH PANAMA CANAL TREATIES AND TORRIJOS EXPRESSING HIS
PLEASURE THAT CARAZO WILL ATTEND THE 17 JUNE EXCHANGE OF TREATY
DOCUMENTS CEREMONY IN PANAMA.

4. COMMENT: CARAZO AND TORRIJOS HAD NOTHING CONTROVERSIAL TO DISCUSS
OR RESOLVE. IT WAS GETTING-TO-KNOW-YOU AND SOME TRIMMINGS.
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